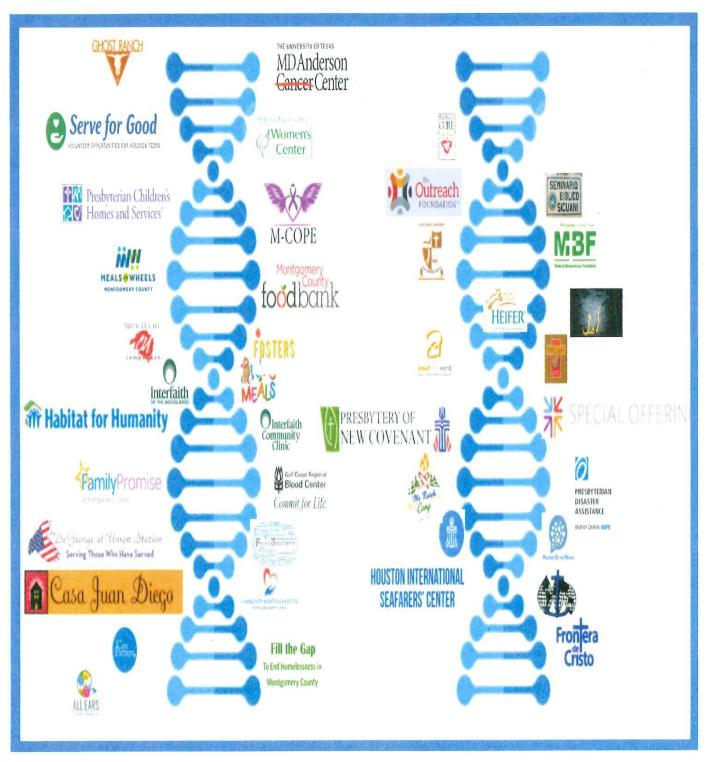


# **The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church**

WCPC MISSION PARTNERS



Mission Sunday October 20, 2024

# A TIME TO GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

## \*All who are able, please stand. Bold print denotes congregational response

#### WELCOME

#### **EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS**

#### PRELUDE

Bruce Xu, organ

## A TIME OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

| FAITH IN ACTION  | The Gathering Place  | Lynne Gregg            |
|--|--|------------------------|
| CALL TO WORSHIP<br>The Son of Man came not to b<br>Let us follow Christ, not seeki<br>Called to worship, we bow he | ng glory, but ways to serve.   | based on Mark 10:35-45 |
| *HYMN OF PRAISE 41   | O Worship the King, All Glorious Above   | LYONS                  |
| FAITH IN ACTION  | 30 Years of Partnership with MBF<br>(the <b>M</b> edical <b>B</b> enevolence <b>F</b> oundation) | Tina Pugel             |

### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have called us to love you with heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. But, if we are honest, we know that sometimes we hurt each other and fail to keep our promises to you. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us, day by day, to turn away from what is wrong and turn to you in faith; (Silent prayers of confession) through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ANTHEM

Hear the good news: We are dead to sin and evil and alive to God in Jesus. Now we can walk in new life! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.** 

| *RESPONSE | OF PRAISE 581 |  |
|-----------|---------------|--|
| RESPONSE  | OF PRAISE SOL |  |

Glory Be to the Father

**GLORIA PATRI** 

Diane Bish (b. 1941)

A New Song WCPC Sanctuary Choir Jonathan Aigner, director Bruce Xu, organ

|                          | A TIME OF PROCLAMATION        |  |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| CHILDREN'S MESSAGE       |                               |  |
| *HYMN OF PREPARATION 767 | Together We Serve             |  |
| FAITH IN ACTION          | Peru Mission Trip Reflections |  |

Sally Shu

SAN ANSELMO

David Martinez

| SCRIPTURE LESSON   | Matthew 22:34-40                         |                                   |  |  |  |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| SERMON   | "Together We Can Love Our Neighbors"     | ghbors" Rev. Laura R. Grice       |  |  |  |
| STATEMENT OF FAITH<br>The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society.<br>Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the<br>church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their<br>relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.<br>Confession of 1967 (9.37), adapted |  |                                   |  |  |  |
| A TIME OF PROMISE  |  |                                   |  |  |  |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER<br>Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is<br>in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not<br>into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.   |  |                                   |  |  |  |
| FAITH IN ACTION  | Your Generosity in Action                | Rev. Laura Grice and Gary Chapman |  |  |  |
| INVITATION TO THE OFFERING   |  |                                   |  |  |  |
| OFFERTORY  |  |                                   |  |  |  |
| *DOXOLOGY 606  | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | OLD HUNDREDTH                     |  |  |  |
| *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  |  |                                   |  |  |  |
| *HYMN OF COMMITMENT 69   | I, the Lord of Sea and Sky               | HEREIAM                           |  |  |  |
| *BENEDICTION   |  |                                   |  |  |  |
| POSTLUDE   | Bruce Xu, organ                          |                                   |  |  |  |

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, you came not to be served, but to serve, and to give your life a ransom for many. Help me—not to seek to be right or worthy—but to seek first the kingdom of God. Amen.

\* Portions of the liturgy this Sunday are adapted from and used with permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Everyday Connections*, 2023, David Gambrell and PCUSA Office of Theology and Worship, in *Quick Sheets: Walking in God's Path of Peace*, 2023, and Teri-McDowell-Ott and *The Presbyterian Outlook*, 2024.

If you are interested in learning more about The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church you can contact our pastor, Rev. Dr. David Jones, at <u>djones@wcpc-tx.org</u>.

## **CHILDCARE FOR WORSHIP**

Childcare, for children under 5, is provided during both worship services. Room 100 in the Children's Education Building for the 8:30 service and in the Hendricks Building (building to your right across the parking lot as you leave the sanctuary) during the 11 am service. After the children's message staff will be available to take children over to the nursery rooms or you can walk them too. WCPC believes worship for children is important to spiritual formation, children of all ages are encouraged and welcome in worship. The Parlor (a room with a viewing window and restroom to the right as you enter the worship space) is available if you need a place for busy toddlers to roam, continue a meltdown, or privacy to diaper, etc.

## STEPHEN MINISTERS AVAILABLE FOR PRAYER

Following worship, a Stephen Minister will be available to pray with you. They will be at the front-right side of the sanctuary. Our Stephen Ministers are trained in compassionate listening and confidentiality. There is no need too large or too small to request prayer.

# 2024-2025 FLOWER CALENDAR

Please stop by our table in the courtyard during October and November to sign up for your special date for 2025 Sanctuary Flowers. This coming year we will offer the option of donating a plant instead of flowers for the Sanctuary. A floral arrangement is \$75 and a plant is \$35. Make your check payable to WCPC and Write Sanctuary Flowers on your check and the date you reserved on the memo line. (Sanctuary Flowers-DDMMYY) Payment is made oat the time of signing up. If you wish to donate flowers for 2024 or 2025, please contact Carol Palmquist at 281-367-5166 or RNPalmquist@aol.com. Thank you for adding to the beauty of our sanctuary.

# **ONLINE GIVING INFORMATION**

| 1 – Use this quicklink             | https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=110917&f=1&a=1000.00        |
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| 2 - Text to give                   | https://www.wcpc-tx.org/text-to-give/   |
| 3 – Give online using MyWCPC       | https://secure.accessacs.com/access/memberlogin.aspx?sn=110917                  |
|                                    | Using a credit card, you can make a one-time contribution or set up a recurring |
|                                    | charge using our secure online payment process.                                 |
| 4 – Mail in your Contribution      | Address is: 4881 W. Panther Creek Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77381                   |
| 5 – Give using your Paypal Account | office@wcpc-tx.org  |
|                                    |   |

Sunday Worship: 8:30am and 11:00am

# **TREASURER'S REPORT THRU SEPTEMBER 2024**

| September Mtd        | Yr to Date   |
|----------------------|--|
| \$ 65,948            | \$ 767,157   |
| \$(93,800)           | \$(932,869)  |
| \$ (27 <i>,</i> 852) | \$(165,712)  |
| <u>\$ 4,292</u>      | <u>\$ 38,625</u>   |
| \$ (23,560)          | \$(127 <i>,</i> 087)   |
|                      | \$ 65,948<br><u>\$(93,800)</u><br>\$ (27,852)<br><u>\$ 4,292</u> |







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4881 West Panther Creek Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77381

Sunday School (all ages): 9:45am-10:45am

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. David F. Jones Associate Pastor: The Rev. Laura R. Grice